

Minutes of Meeting
SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
April 6, 2023

ATTENDANCE

Technical Committee (Voting Members):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nate Bottom, Chair	City of Springfield
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian Davis, Vice Chair	Sangamon County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Myers*	Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT): Region 4, District 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michelle Alexander	Sangamon Mass Transit District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Molly Berns	Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patrick McCarthy	Village of Chatham

* Represented by Wes Clark

Technical Advisors (Non-Voting Members):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Betsy Tracy	Federal Highway Administration: Illinois Division Office
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brian Wright	IDOT: District 6, Local Roads & Streets
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bob Innis	IDOT: Office of Planning & Programming
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephen Laffey	Illinois Commerce Commission
<input type="checkbox"/>	Roger Blickensderfer	Springfield Airport Authority
<input type="checkbox"/>		IDOT: Office of Intermodal Project Implementation

Others Present:

SSCRPC Staff

Shannan Karrick

Members of the Public

Sara Jimenez, KIND Consulting

Kristin Timmons (CMT), via Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nate Bottom called the meeting of the SATS Technical Committee to order at 8:33 AM.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Bottom asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the March 2, 2023, Technical Committee meeting. Molly Berns made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Michelle Alexander seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

III. NEW BUSINESS**A. Presentation on the HUB**

Molly Berns made a motion to move the presentation on The HUB by Sara Jimenez from KIND Consulting from new business to the top of the agenda. Brian Davis seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Ms. Jimenez began her presentation by showing videos of a bird's eye view of the east and west sides of The HUB (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aW2JFpjuezY>) and a walk-through of the interior (<https://sangamonil.gov/thehub/about-the-hub>). The Amtrak space will be located behind the grand stairs with a staircase to take individuals to the second set of tracks. On the right side of the second floor, there will be an exhibit of the 1908 Race Riot. The third level will have a pedestrian bridge to take visitors to the SMTD side of The HUB. Completion of the transit side is expected this summer. The murals will be completed in June.

Brian Davis asked if it would be possible to view the murals (available at <https://sangamonil.gov/thehub/art-at-the-hub>). The website provides images of the murals as an interactive site that provides links to information about the individuals and buildings depicted. A QR code at the mural sites will direct people to the website. Both artists visited local schools. Jared Butler, "Corridor in History and Development" artist, visited Lincoln Magnate School where several students assisted in painting panels of his work. Danielle Mastrion, artist of the 10th Street Mural, attended Southeast High School and led students in creating a companion piece at their school.

Ms. Jimenez closed her presentation by stating that The HUB will be the largest public investment in Sangamon County history.

IV. 2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP)

- A. Amendment 15 – Improvements at I & M Rail Crossings.
Nate Bottom introduced Amendment 15:



**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF
AMENDMENT FIFTEEN TO THE
2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Springfield Area Transportation Study (SATS), in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation, has a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing (3C) planning process for transportation planning in compliance with Federal regulations for the urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, the SATS Long Range Transportation Plan takes a long-term (25-year) look at transportation needs in the Springfield Metropolitan Planning Area; envisions an efficient, interconnected, multi-modal travel network; and identifies projects to make this vision a reality; and

WHEREAS, the Long Range Transportation Plan is updated every five years and was most recently updated on June 11, 2020 as the SATS 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, all projects with identified funding sources and anticipated to be completed during the period 2020 – 2024 are listed as Committed Projects in the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, funding has been obtained for the following projects shown below that will be added to the "Road & Bridge Projects – Short Term" list in the SATS 2045 LRTP; and

Map #	Project Description	TIP #	Type of Improvement	Jurisdiction	Cost (YOE)
122	Griffiths Avenue (FAU 7969), East Converse Street (FAU 7971), Moffat Avenue (MUN 1742): at the Illinois and Midland Railroad Crossings (IDOT Crossing #s 169957M, 169959 B, 169961C)	02-2023-09	Install new automatic flashing light signals and gates and new constant warning time circuitry with event recorder and remote monitor and replace crossing surface	Springfield	\$1,496,851

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Technical Committee has voted to recommend approval of Amendment Fifteen to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan to the Policy Committee.

Recommended on this 6th day of April, 2023.

ATTEST: Nate Bottom
Nate Bottom, Chair
SATS Technical Committee

Molly Berns made a motion to approve the amendment as submitted. Brian Davis seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

V. FY 2023 – 2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**A. Amendment 4 – Improvements at I & M Rail Crossings.**

Nate Bottom introduced Amendment 4:



**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF
AMENDMENT FOUR TO THE
FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Springfield Area Transportation Study (SATS), in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation, has a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing (3C) planning process for transportation planning in compliance with Federal regulations for the urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield Area Transportation Study approved the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY 2023-2026 on August 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Springfield requests adding the following project to FY 2023 in the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program as shown below; and

Project Description and Funding:

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Location	Action/Comments	Map #	Funding Source	Total Cost
9 Griffiths Avenue (FAU 7969), East Converse Street (FAU 7971), Moffat Avenue (MUN 1742)	Termini: Railroad crossings at the Illinois and Midland Railroad (IDOT Crossing #s 169957M, 169959 B, 169961C)	Install new automatic flashing light signals and gates and new constant warning time circuitry with event recorder and remote monitor and replace crossing surface	122	Federal Railway-Highway Crossing Program (Section 130)	\$1,496,851
City of Springfield Collector / Local	Contract # TIP # 02-2023-09				\$1,496,851

WHEREAS, the funding used for this project will not affect any other project in the TIP; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Technical Committee has voted to recommend approval of Amendment Four to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program to the Policy Committee.

Recommended on this 6th day of April, 2023

ATTEST: Nate Bottom
Nate Bottom, Chair
SATS Technical Committee

Molly Berns made a motion to approve the amendment as submitted. Michelle Alexander seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

B. ST-U Projects Update

- Koke Mill Road: Old Jacksonville Road to Washington Street (TIP # 02-2020-06)**
Nate Bottom reported that the project is currently in Phase I.
- Iron Bridge Road Overpass and Woodside Road Underpass (TIP # 03-2009-05)**
Brian Davis stated the final plans for the Iron Bridge Road overpass have been submitted to IDOT and a June letting is scheduled. The county is in the process of updating the agreement for federal and state funds.

VI. TECHNICAL ADVISOR UPDATES

- A. Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT): Office of Planning & Programming (OPP)**
Bob Innis reported that the current round of State Planning and Research funds closed on March 30th. There were 34 submissions, and the awards are planned to be announced next month.

The procurement process is underway for a consultant to develop Safe Streets for All Plans for any participating MPOs. These plans are a prerequisite in order for jurisdictions within the MPA to be eligible for future funding under the program. Mr. Innis stated that SATS should let him know if they are interested in participating in the group plan.

- B. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA): IL Division Office**
Betsy Tracy reported that James Kyte had taken a new position within the division and will be covering some meetings. Ms. Tracy indicated that several discretionary funding opportunities have been announced.
- C. IDOT District 6: Local Roads and Streets (LRS)**
No report.
- D. Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC)**
No report.
- E. Springfield Airport Authority (SAA)**
No report.

VII. AGENCY UPDATES

- A. Springfield-Sangamon Regional Planning Commission (SSCRPC)**
Molly Berns passed out a flyer (attached) for an open house on Monday, April 17 at 4:00 to 7:00 PM on the 9th Street/Peoria Road and Historic Route 66 Corridor Plans. Ms. Berns invited committee members to the event and asked that they share the information as well. The projects will be moving along quickly with completion scheduled for this fall in order for projects identified in the plans to be eligible for the next round of federal funding.

Shannan Karrick reported that staff had attended the Rural Transit conference and Statewide MPO meeting in March. She stated that staff had completed the land use quality control review for Ecopia and submitted the draft FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program to IDOT work on the annual agreements. Work on the FY 2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program is underway and the quarterly billings will be completed and sent out in the next two weeks.

- B. Sangamon Mass Transit District (SMTD)**
Michelle Alexander reported the following:

SMTD is seeking state concurrence for eight hybrid (diesel/electric) buses. These buses will not require any additional infrastructure. The fleet is currently half compressed

natural gas (CNG) with plans to phase out the remaining half of the fleet, comprised of diesel vehicles, with hybrid buses.

C. City of Springfield

Nate Bottom reported the following:

Usable Segment III – Madison Street and Jefferson Street Underpasses (TIP # 02-2023-06):

Street closures began on April 5th and will continue for 14 months.

Usable Segment V – Cook Street and South Grand Avenue Underpasses (TIP # 02-2021-06):

Norfolk Southern track work continues. Demolition of the Union Pacific bridges are scheduled for June. Ten-day closures at Cook and South Grand will be necessary.

Churchill Bridge Road (TIP # 02-2023-05):

Tree removal was completed April 1st. Utility relocation is underway, necessitating a temporary closure at Jefferson Street.

Downtown Signal Modernization – Phase I (TIP # 02-2022-06):

Work is underway on traffic controllers and conduit. Washington Street from 9th to 11th is currently closed. Closure is expected to last six months, after which the segment will become a two-way street. Upon completion of the project, Washington Street will be two-way from Lewis Street west.

Stanford Avenue (TIP # 02-2010-09):

Work has begun on electric relocation and storm sewers.

Eighth Street Bridge (TIP # 02-2017-05):

Tree removal was completed April 1st with construction scheduled to begin this month.

Traffic Signals at Koke Mill and Green Briar (local)

Supplies have been ordered for the project.

D. Sangamon County

Brian Davis reported the following:

Springfield-Sangamon County Transportation Center:

The east side (SMTD) portion of the project remains ongoing and is anticipated to be completed this summer. Ninety-nine percent plans on the west side (parking garage, public square, and Amtrak station) are progressing with an anticipated June letting. A request for information/quote (RFI/Q) for a construction manager for the project was published this week.

Seventh Street, Riverton Mill and Overlay:

An amendment to the TIP and LRTP will be submitted for consideration next month.

E. Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT): Region 4, District 6

Greg Heckel, a former materials engineer with IDOT, has been hired as a program development engineer to fill the position left vacant with Sal Madonia's retirement. The SATS representatives will remain the same for the time being to allow Mr. Heckel time to become familiar with his new position.

F. Village of Chatham

No report.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

X. NEW BUSINESS

B. New FY 2023 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Shannan Karrick stated that project lists from the current TIP had been sent out to jurisdictions, and are due back May 1st. The TIP will go out for public review following June's Technical Committee meeting with adoption at the July Policy Committee meeting.

C. Next Meeting Date: May 4, 2023

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Nate Bottom asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Molly Berns made a motion to adjourn. Michelle Alexander seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:10 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannan Karrick,
Recording Secretary



A flyer for a public workshop. The top half features a background image of a residential street with houses and a street sign. Overlaid on this is a white box with the title 'PUBLIC WORKSHOP' in large blue letters, followed by the subtitle 'HELP OUR PLANNING TEAM DEVELOP TWO IMPORTANT CORRIDOR PLANS' in smaller green letters. Below this, a green and blue wavy line separates the header from the event details. The event details are in green and blue text: 'MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023', 'OPEN HOUSE FROM 4:00PM-7:00PM', '300 SOUTH 9TH STREET', and 'SANGAMON SOUTH (FORMER SJ-R BUILDING)'. Below this are two green boxes with white text. The left box is titled '9th St / Peoria Rd' and describes the goal of formulating revitalization efforts. The right box is titled 'Historic Route 66' and describes the goal of providing input on new tourism attractions. Below these is a section titled 'When You Arrive' with two paragraphs of text. To the right of this section is a dark blue box titled 'Take the Survey' containing a QR code and a URL. At the bottom is a dark blue banner with logos for SSCRPC, Farnsworth Group, L/KLA, and ConsultEcon.

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SANGAMON SOUTH (FORMER SJ-R BUILDING)

9th St / Peoria Rd

Your ideas will help formulate revitalization efforts to enhance and guide future development of this key corridor.

Historic Route 66

Provide your input about the types of new tourism attractions that will enhance the Route 66 experience in Sangamon County.

When You Arrive

Enter the building through the front door on 9th Street. The event will be held on the second floor.

Parking is available along Monroe, west of 9th Street. Additional parking is available after 4:30 pm in the lot on the south side of the building. A public lot is also located on the southwest corner of 9th Street and Adams Street.

Take the Survey

Please take 10-15 minutes to fill out a survey to help us identify issues and needs. Use the QR code to participate or go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SSCRPC-9thSt-Rt66>



For more information, contact Lisa Peterson at Lisa.Peterson@sangamonil.gov

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